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SEINERS DRIVEN TO SHELTER.

Strong Northwester Prevented Fleet from Continuing Operations.

No Mackerel Arrivals Reported Anywhere Today.

No fares of mackerel are reported in anywhere today. The stiff northwester of Saturday drove the seining fleet operating on Middle Bank into Provincetown for shelter, and the vessels were still in there yesterday noon.

That fish are still being taken on the Maine coast is shown by the 86 barrels of large fresh mackerel which arrived at Boston this morning on the Rock-land steamer.

The shore seiners went out yesterday had a look around off here and some of them came back at nightfall and reported not having seen a school all day. Some of them are figuring on going down east now to have a look for the large fish reported schooling down that way.

Mackerel continue to be taken in small numbers in the nets along the western Nova Scotia shore, but they are not schooling, schools apparently having been separated by some cause or other at Ferguson's Cove. Thursday the Lynches got a few in their trap and also three of four barrel of small herring. Swordfish are reported rather plenty off the mouth of Halifax harbor and a large one was caught by one of the pilot boats Thursday.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is about 6300 barrels against 2685 barrels at this time last season and 14,408 barrels in 1909, 15,849 barrels in 1909, 25,648 barrels in 1907 and 7171 barrels in 1906, to date.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 37,512 barrels against 19,306 barrels in 1910, 45,558 barrels in 1909, 45,708 barrels in 1908, 48,085 barrels in 1907 and 31,186 barrels in 1906, to date.

Imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date are 2748 barrels against 6831 barrels in 1910 to date, 5836 barrels in 1909, 14,901 barrels in 1908, 5328 barrels in 1907 and 13,818 barrels in 1906, to date.

Imports of fresh mackerel at Boston to date are 3,834 barrels, against 2,107 barrels in 1910, 6386 barrels in 1909, 6439 barrels in 1908, 5753 barrels in 1907 and 14,935 barrels in 1906, to date.

Sales of Salt Mackerel.

The fare of salt mackerel, 58 barrels, of sch. Senator sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company for a lump sum \$900.

The fare of sch. Georgia, 17 barrels, sold to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company, for a lump sum \$282.50.

The fare of sch. Pinta, 10 barrels of small and one barrel of large fish, sold to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company at \$17 per barrels for small and \$26 for large.

The fare of sch. Arabia sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co. Inc., and that of sch. Clintonia to William H. Jordan & Co.

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FAIR MARKET ON ALL BUT HADDOCK.

BOSTON ARRIVALS EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN GROUND FISH AND SWORDFISH.

There is a fair market on everything but haddock at T wharf this morning. Of the dozen vessels in six have trips of swordfish, while five of the others have fine groundfish fares. Steam trawler Spray brings 39,000 pounds and sch. Josie and Phebe has 93,000 pounds and 1000 weight of halibut beside, the largest market trip in for some time.

Haddock predominates in these as well as the other trips in, and for that reason these fish are selling at \$1.25 and \$2, mostly at the first price. Large cod are worth \$3.50 and market cod \$3.25. Hake sold at \$2 to \$3 and pollock \$2.75.

The swordfish trips run from 14 to 79 fish sch. Mabel Bryson having the latter number, the largest catch for several weeks. The fish are selling at 9 1-2 cents per pound.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Mabel Bryson, 79 swordfish. Sch. Rita A. Viator, 48 swordfish. Sch. Eye and Mildred, 45 swordfish. Sch. Massasoit, 20 swordfish. Sloop On Time, 14 swordfish. Sch. Hockomock, 63 swordfish. Steamer Spray, 50,000 haddock, 600 cod, 2000 hake. Sch. Josie and Phebe, 73,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 halibut. Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 42,000 haddock, 3300 cod, 2500 hake. Sch. Mary C. Santos, 24,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 8000 hake, 14,000 pollock. Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, 70,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1500 hake. Sch. Olivia Sears, 300 haddock, 200 cod, 6000 pollock. Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$2.75; swordfish, 9 1-2 cts. per lb.; halibut, 18 cts. per lb.

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MAST AND BOOM ONLY.

Cutter Gresham Unable to Find Any Other Wreckage.

After searching all through Saturday for a derelict reported to have been struck Friday by the British steamer Madawaska in Nantasket sound, the revenue cutter Gresham discovered the menace to navigation to be a floating mast and boom with a tangle of shrouds, which was picked up off Nantasket shoals lightship at 5.30 o'clock last night.

After sounding all about the point in 20 fathoms of water the Gresham was unable to find any other part of a vessel. The mast and boom was towed 120 miles to Wood End, Cape Cod, where the life-saving crew took charge of the wreckage.

Porgies Re-appear on Maine Coast.

Great excitement has been created among the fishermen by the reappearance of porgies along the Maine coast, they being reported in great schools in all directions. Off Monhegan Friday the water was alive with them, and several good hauls were made, the steamer Montauk scooping in over 300 barrels at one pull of her seine and then started off in the direction of Old Orchard, where the fish were reported in great quantities. Her catch will be taken to the porgy factory at No Man's Land. The steamer and Mildred brought in 30 barrels, while the little steamer Dolphin, which was at Portland Thursday evening with a fare of bluebacks was at that port again Friday with 25 barrels of porgies.

Caught Swordfish Unaided.

Mel Darling, a well known South Portland fisherman, did a good day's work Friday. He fell in with a big swordfish off the Cape early in the morning, and in nine minutes after he lanced him had him in the boat. He weighed over 400 pounds, Daggett paying the fisherman \$36 for him.

SALT BANKER MADE LONG TRIP.

SCH. THEODORE ROOSEVELT HAS FARE OF ONLY 35,000 POUNDS CODFISH.

The arrivals at this port since last report are an average Monday morning lot. Sch. Fannie A. Smith, which has been dory handling, hails for 150,000 pounds of salt cod, while sch. Theodore Roosevelt, which left here early in the spring on a salt trawl bank codfishing trip, hails for but 35,000 of salt cod, a sorry showing for the great length of time gone.

Sch. Moaniam, from a fresh and salt shack trip to the eastward has 70,000 pounds of salt fish and 60,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Hattie L. Trask, one of the straight Georges handliners, has 23,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Gov. Foss is among the arrivals, and as usual Capt. Fred Thompson brings what he went after, for the haul is 20,000 pounds of halibut and 80,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Three of the seining fleet are in to land their salt fish, sch. Clintonia bringing her 67 barrels down from Boston while sch. Pinta is in from the grounds with 10 barrels and sch. Arabia, also from the fishing grounds off here, has 35 barrels.

Yesterday the steamer Quoddy came in with 120 barrels of porgies which went for oil.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, salt bank dory handling, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Moaniam, shacking, 70,000 lbs. salt fish, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, handling, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Clintonia, via Boston, 67 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Gov. Foss, LaHave Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Joppalte, Provincetown.
Steamer Mystery, Provincetown.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 120 bbls. fresh porgies.
Sch. Pinta, seining, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Arabia, seining, 35 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, salt trawl banking, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Patriot, salt drifting.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Manhasset, Boston.
Sch. Regina, Boston.
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.
Sch. Emerald, seining.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, seining.
Sch. Valentina, seining.
Sch. Little Fannie, seining.
Sch. Romance, shacking.
Sch. Jorgina, shacking.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shacking.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, salt drifting.
Sch. Flavilla, salt drifting.
Sch. Galatea, salt drifting.
Sch. Juno, halibuting.
Sch. Pauline, Georges handling.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$26 per bbl. for large and \$17 per barrel for tinkers.
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.
Handline Georges codfish, large \$5, medium, \$4.45, snappers, \$3.
Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.87 1-2, medium \$4.45.
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$4.25 for mediums.
Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.75, medium, \$4.
Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Eastern shack cod, \$4.25 for large and \$3.75 for mediums.
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.
Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.
Fresh Fish.
Haddock, \$1 and \$1.05 per cwt.
Large cod, \$2.55 per cwt.; medium, \$2 per cwt.
Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.40 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.
Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.20.
Snapper, cusk, 60 cts.
Hake, \$1.90.
Dressed pollock, 90 cts. round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 for white and 8 for gray.
Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.
Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.
Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.
Porgies (for oil) 75 cents per bbl.
Fresh bluebacks for salt, \$2.50 per bbl.; to the freezer, \$1.50.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals.

Sch. F. A. Smith, to load salt.
Sch. Susan Frances, to load salt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Harmony, Annie M. Parker, Richard and Judique were at Canso, N. S. Friday.
Schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan, Mary B. Greer and Mary Edith were at Liverpool, N. S. on Wednesday and cleared.
Schs. Etta Mildred, Alice, James and Esther and Mary E. Sliveria arrived at Liverpool, N. S., on Thursday.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson put in at Liverpool, N. S. on Friday.
Sch. Corsian with 40,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Ethel P. Penny with 30,000 pounds of fish, were at Louisburg, C. B., on Friday.
Sch. Harry A. Nickerson secured a new main topmast at Hawkesbury on Friday and sailed for the fishing grounds.

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Portland Fish Notes.

The little schooner Freeman arrived at Portland on Friday with 1500 pounds of mixed fish and one swordfish which weighed 205 pounds. The fare was sold to John Loveitt.

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BOAT WAS CLEAR OF WATER.

Boston Fishermen Tells of Encounter With Swordfish.

Dominic Dispirelli doesn't know whether he is a fisherman, an aviator or a box kite. But Dominic's partner, Francisco Verra, says that Dominic is either a fool or a liar, and trouble hovers in the vicinity of the blue fleet.

Dominic and Francisco own a motorboat and fish in partnership from the T wharf basin. Francisco, in addition to his share in the motor boat, owns, or used to own, a fine eel spear with five bright and sharp prongs and that is the casus belli.

Before daylight one morning recently Dominic went out in the boat to fish. The eel spear went along, too. Out in the bay the wind was blowing, so Dominic started for home. About five miles outside of the Graves. Dominic saw what he thought was the back fin of a swordfish sticking out of the water.

Dominic thought of the 10 cents a pound that swordfish is worth at T wharf, and while he did not know much about the swordfishing business, he took a chance, at least that is the story he told on arriving at T wharf in the forenoon.

Having no ily iron he took Francisco's eel spear with its five steel-barbed points and tied the mainsheet of his auxiliary leg-of-mutton sail to the spear handle and started for the fish. The motor chugged, and the boat crept up on the apparently sleeping fish. In the bow Dominic stood poised with the improvised harpoon. He launched the spear. Then things happened fast.

The iron struck deep and away dashed the fish at 10-knot clip to windward. Dominic sprawled over backwards in the bottom of the boat as the line jerked taught, very, very suddenly. The wind was tearing past the boat at a hurricane clip as the motor boat and fish worked in perfect harmony caught in the unfurled sail that was lying jammed under a thwart. The canvas belled out like a balloon. Dominic swears that the whole boat was completely clear of the water like a kite on a string as it trailed out behind the big fish.

Then the rope broke. When Dominic told his story to his partner at T wharf trying to account for the loss of the eel spear, Francisco made numerous remarks that matched the color of the motor boat. They are no longer partners.